column 8, line 14). Further, the message descriptor 300 of Oberlander does not include the information profile as claimed and described in the subject application (Oberlander, column 4, line 43 through column 5, line 15). The Examiner has not indicated where Oberlander discloses an information profile received with the incoming communication.

Applicants have amended the claims to recite the nature of the data disclosed in the information profile. Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to now recite a method of selectively alerting a user of an incoming communication, the incoming communication containing an information profile including any of " first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, telephone, facsimile or company data associated with the source" (claim 1, lines 5-7). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 is no longer anticipated by Oberlander. Claims 2-11 include all the limitations of claim 1, as amended, and are likewise not anticipated by Oberlander for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 12 similarly recites a computer program product containing program code comprising program code for receiving an incoming communication over the computer network, the incoming communication containing in information profile including" " first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, telephone, facsimile or company data associated with the source "(claim 12, lines 6-8). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 12 is no longer anticipated by Oberlander. Claims 13-22 include all the limitations of claim 12, as amended, and are likewise not anticipated by Oberlander for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

Claim 23 similarly recites a computer data signal containing program code comprising program code for receiving an incoming communication over the computer network, the incoming communication containing in information profile including" " first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, telephone, facsimile or company data associated with the source "(claim 23, lines 4-6). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 23 is no longer anticipated by Oberlander. Claims 23-30 include all the limitations of claim 23, as amended, and are likewise not anticipated by Oberlander for at least the same reasons as claim 23.

New claim 31 recites an apparatus including program logic for receiving an incoming communication over the computer network, the incoming communication

containing in information profile including" " first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, telephone, facsimile or company data associated with the source "(claim 31, lines 5-7). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 31, as filed, is not anticipated by Oberlander.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 2-10, 13-21 and 24-30 under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberlander as applied to claims 1, 12 and 23 further in view of U.S. Patent 5,708,422, Blonder et al., hereafter "Blonder". The Examiner has admitted that Oberlander does not teach the generation of a notification signal, nor its association with an information profile. Blonder et al. discloses a credit card authorization system which can be used to selectively alert card account owners based on certain parameters contained within an information profile stored in a validation database 106. As with Oberlander, the information profiles contained within the database 106 of blonder contain information different from that disclosed in the subject application. Blonder et al. also does not disclose the transmission of an information profile with an incoming communication. The Examiner will note that combining the teachings of Blonder with Oberlander would not yield the packetized data transmission protocol of Applicants' invention in which an information profile identifying the source of the incoming communication is transmitted along with the incoming communication. It is the incoming information profile or a portion thereof, which, when matched against an entry in a recipient's personal directory enables selective responses to be initiated in the subject application.   Neither Oberlander nor Blonder disclose a system of registering, maintaining or transmitting the information profile data as disclosed and now claimed in the subject application.

Further, the communication system disclosed in Oberlander is a circuit switched system with many of the disclosed recipient destinations residing at circuit switched terminating devices (e.g. telephone numbers). The use of a circuit switched network inherently limits the quantity and nature of the data transmitted with the message descriptor 300. Conversely, the recipient destinations in the subject applications reside at network protocol addresses over a packet -switched network, e.g. Internet protocol addresses, which may be dynamically assigned. The use of packet switched technology allows for greater flexibility in the amount of data transmitted to identify the
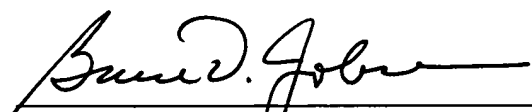
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incoming communication. In addition, with the packetized data transmission protocol of Applicants' invention, addresses of recipient destinations may be dynamically assigned and are updated in a directory database by the recipient processes themselves.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully assert that it would not have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the claimed information profile into the message descriptor 300 of Oberlander. If the Examiner does not agree with this position, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to produce a supporting reference or references or to submit an affidavit averring to specific facts within Examiner's personal knowledge.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that the subject matter of claims 1-31 is neither disclosed nor suggested by either Oberlander or Blonder whether considered singularly or in combination with any reference of record.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed in condition for allowance and a notice to the effect is solicited earnestly. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any balances under 37 CFR §1.17, and 1.16 to Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

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